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TOPIC Mechanized Division Eggessin638628 25X1EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 4 August 1954 638628REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. On 30 June 1954, the following personnel strengths of the 2d Mech Regt in Karpin were observed:

Regimental headquarters with supply platoon	45 men	
Reconnaissance company	45 men	
AA company	32 men	25X1
Headquarters company	43 men	
Regimental school	77 men	
Technical supply company	44 men	
<u>1st Bn</u> 1st Co	41 men	25X1
2d Co	45 men	
3d Co	50 men	
heavy machine gun company	35 men	
AT gun company	23 men	
mortar company	26 men	
<u>2d Bn</u> 1st Co	66 men	
2d Co	43 men	
3d Co	42 men	
heavy machine gun company	24 men	
AT gun company	21 men	
mortar company	25 men	
<u>3d Bn</u> 1st Co	48 men	
2d Co	53 men	
3d Co	45 men	
heavy machine gun company	40 men	
AT gun company	23 men	
mortar company	23 men	
<u>Artillery Battalion</u> 1st Btry	42 men	
2d Btry	42 men	
3d Btry	33 men	

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Tank Battalion

1st Co	49 men
2d Co	45 men
3d Co	46 men
Technical company	47 men

Personnel daily arriving or leaving caused only slight changes in the strengths.

2. On 2 July, several artillery and AT artillery units of the Karpin installation were still in summer camp for firing practices. Intensive instruction was observed in Karpin. Field training was held at platoon level. Only few heavy weapons were seen. ²
3. About 60 soldiers were assembled in Karpin for an artillery observers' course which was to last some time. The trainees were to serve as artillery observers for the firing practices with live ammunition which were planned for the fall. ³
4. On 29 June, a new drivers' course began in Altwarp. About 120 soldiers were detached by all units of the division for this course which was to last about six weeks and was to be terminated with a final examination in all classes. ⁴
5. On 27 June, the current drivers' course in Altwarp ended. As early as 30 June, a new drivers' course started to which soldiers from the Eggesin area were again detached. Most of these soldiers wore blue service color but some of them wore red-bordered black epaulets. The new course and the preceding course numbered about 200 men each. ⁴
6. The about 150 KVPs wearing blue service color who were quartered in the former cantonment of the Dienst fuer Deutschland organization left the camp in late June after a 3-week course of training on weapons which appeared to be antitank rifles. ⁵
7. On 28 June, about 60 trucks were in three garages of the Altwarp installation. At least 20 x 37-mm AA guns were in another garage of which only part could be seen.
8. At 1600 on 28 June, at least 200 men were lined up for clothing inspection. On 29 June, infantry training was observed at the training field.
9. On 28 June, 10 men received training on 50-mm mortars in section C of the Karpin installation. On 2 July, 10 T-34/85 tanks and 10 armored personnel carriers were parked in front of the garages in section B. ⁶
10. Between 28 June and 3 July, several units stationed in the Karpin installation conducted two night exercises. On 29 June, 12 men practiced with a radio set, field telephones and wire rolls and six men constructed a telephone line. On 30 June, 10 T-34/85 tanks were observed engaged in drivers' training southwest of Karpin. At 1530, about 50 men practiced stream-crossing on the Ziegelteiche north of the Alt Eggesin forester's house. The pneumatic boats which were used for the practice were occupied by 6 soldiers each and the wooden floats were each occupied by 8 soldiers who carried field equipment. On 2 July, similar exercises were held in this area. On 3 July, 30 soldiers practiced attack in the Schlossberg area.
11. On 24 June, section A of the Karpin installation was occupied by an artillery regiment numbering 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets; section B was occupied by an artillery regiment of an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets; and sections C, D and E were occupied each by a mechanized regiment. All these units belonged to a mechanized division which was commanded by Colonel Siegfried Weiss. About 60 trucks, 36 x 122-mm howitzers and 4 x 76.2-mm guns were at the parking lots of sections A and B. About 30 T-34 tanks, 20 armored scout cars and 20 to 30 trucks were at the parking lot of section C. The latter trucks were so-called action vehicles which must not drive more than 1,000 km a year in addition to the action rides. These vehicles were marked with a white E on their doors. ⁷

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12. Ten officers and 120 soldiers practiced firing with 120-mm mortars at a firing range east of the Karpin installation. The firing range was about 500 meters square and was equipped with dummy buildings and villages. The dummies were built in the ratio of 1:50 and 1:100. The mortars, which had carbines mounted on their barrels, were on wooden blocks about 1.50, 3 and 10 meters high. The firing was conducted with carbines ammunition.

13. On 2 July, about 70 JS-2 tanks with 122-mm guns, 6 bogie wheels and 3 track-supporting rollers; 10 T-34/85 tanks; and 14 SP guns with a gun of about 120-mm and 6 bogie wheels were at the tank parking lot of the Spechtberg installation. The type of the SP guns could not be identified. 8

1. Comment. The personnel strength of the 2d Mech Regt mentioned in the present report with 1,263 appears to be below the actual strength. It is possible that the personnel detached to other units and the personnel of the battalion headquarters were omitted.

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2. Comment. It is believed that artillery battalions and AT artillery companies of the mechanized regiments were in the Jaegerbrueck area for firing practices with live ammunition.

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3. Comment. The information indicates that firing at battery or battalion level is to be conducted in the fall of 1954 for the first time.

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4. Comment. Available information indicates, that the drivers' courses of Division Eggesin average about 200 trainees.

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5. Comment. It appears possible that personnel for recoilless antitank weapons of Division Eggesin were assembled in Altwarp for training.

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6. Comment. Some 50-mm mortars are in the rifle companies.

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7. Comment. Almost all units stationed at the Karpin installation are covered in this report. Section A quarters the mortar regiment and the engineer battalion and section B quarters the howitzer artillery regiment and the reconnaissance battalion.

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8. Comment. The Spechtberg installation quarters the heavy tank SP regiment, the medium tank regiment and the tank training battalion. Compared to the organization of the heavy tank SP regiment, the number of 70 JS-2 tanks appears a little too high.

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